



To create a nurturing community in which we ignite curious minds, encourage generous hearts and embrace a changing world so our children can live life in all its fullness

NEWSLETTER NO. 1

Welcome back!

It was lovely to see so many happy faces coming into school last week. The first few days back are always quite special as we all embrace that golden opportunity to be the very best version of ourselves. Establishing high expectations for behaviour, punctuality, uniform and approach to learning, is the key task for the next few weeks. All of the classes are working on their learning charters and these will be shared with families during the meet the teacher meetings (a reminder of dates and times is included below).

Attendance and punctuality are key priorities for our school this year as our overall attendance for 2024-2025 was below National averages and notably below averages for similar schools, in Lighthouse Schools Partnership. Attendance was the only outcome measure where we compared poorly. In all other areas our outcomes were really strong; often above National and LSP averages. To read more about our outcomes, [please click on this link](#).

We need your help and support to address our attendance concern. As a school we have targeted our highly valued Learning Mentor time to ensure Mrs Ford is available to support any families experiencing difficulty getting their child into school. There is further key information on start and finish times, as well as our attendance policy, below.

I have included lots of dates that I hope will be of help in planning your year ahead. You can always access a copy of the newsletter from the school website.

Wishing you all a fantastic 200th anniversary year.

Mrs Woollven

£100 Household Support Fund vouchers for children on Free School Meals

This month, North Somerset Council will be providing £100 Household Support Fund vouchers to all pupils **who are registered** to be entitled to Benefits Related 'Free School Meals'. Please note, this does not apply to families who just receive the Universal Infant 'Free School Meals'.

If you think that your child (and remember an application needs to be done per child) may be entitled to Benefits Related 'Free School Meals', and the associated additional benefits, **then now is the time to apply**.

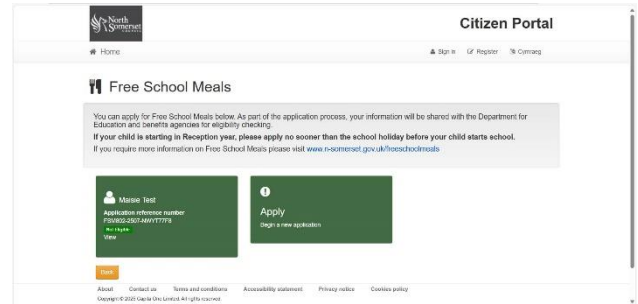
Don't forget!

- 10th and 11th September - Meet the Teacher meetings. See below for more detail.
- T@3 and class service dates for the year – see below for more detail.
- 12th September - Year 5 swimming starts
- 17th September - Mad Science whole school service
- 18th September – Farmlink Harvest Service
- 24th September – Give it a Try Rugby Festival – pupils will receive a letter if attending
- 29th September School's 200 year anniversary celebration
- 29th September Girls 7-aside football – pupils will receive a letter if attending
- 8th October - Parent and volunteer induction session – see below for further details
- 10th October – Design & Technology Day
- 14th October Year 5/6 Cross Country – pupils will receive a letter if attending
- 20th October - Year 5 go to Osmington Bay
- 21st October Years 4/5 Give it a Try Netball Festival
- 24th October - Year 2 T@3 and class service
- 24th October - Last day of term 1 – school uniform will be required
- 3rd November – Term 2 starts – INSET DAY school closed to children

Applications are quick and easy via the North Somerset website.

www.n-somerset.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals

You only need to apply if they don't already have an entitled application. This can be seen on your North Somerset Citizen's account. All applications should be made by Tuesday 16th September, to ensure that they meet the deadline. If you have any difficulties and would like some support, please do not hesitate to nip into the school office or contact them on 01934 852446.



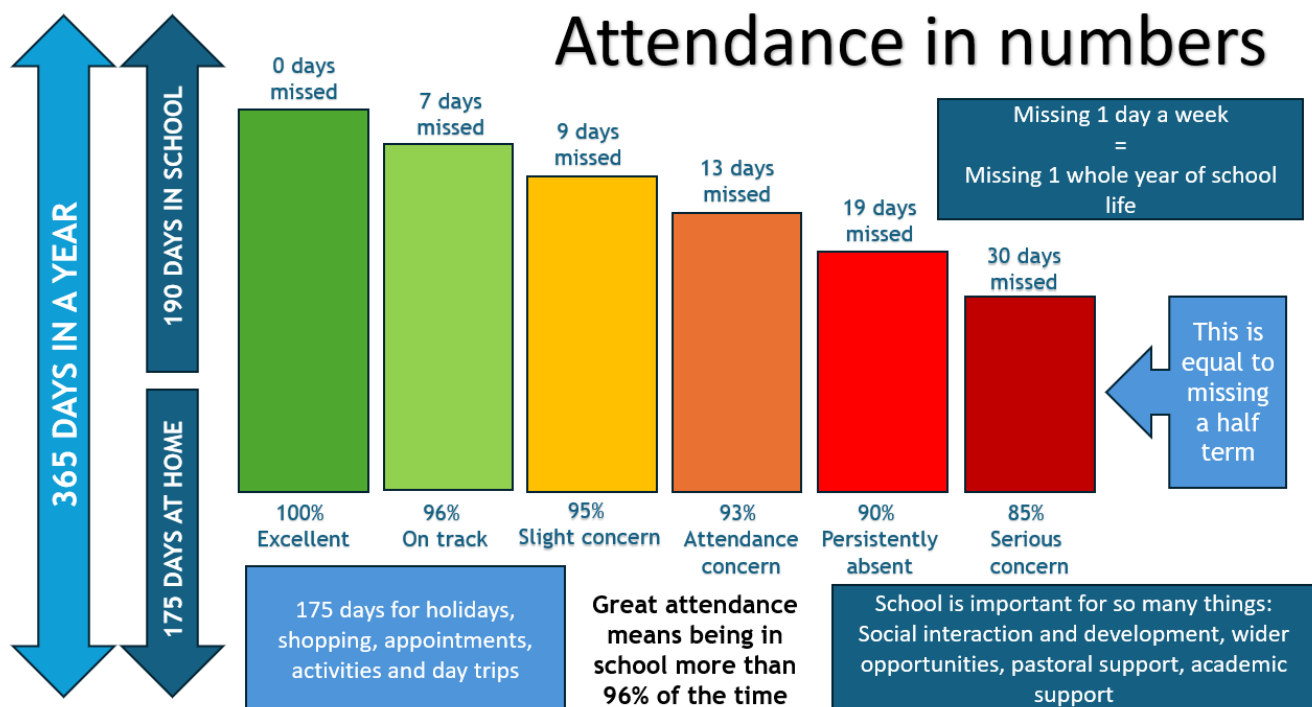
ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY

As a reminder:

- For pupils in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 school starts at **8:40am**. The gates will be opened at 8:30am and pupils are expected to be in class for **8:40am**. Registration closes at **8:45am**.
- For pupils in Years R, 1 and 2 school starts at 8:50am. Classroom doors will be opened from **8:45am** and pupils are expected to be in class for **8:50am**. Registration closes at **8:55am**.

Please note, the school gates will be locked for **8:55am** and any pupils arriving after this time will need to come to the main front school entrance. **If your child arrives after the register closes, they will be marked as absent for the morning session.** This is in line with the [LSP Attendance Policy](#) and Department for Education guidance.

Our aspiration is for pupils to be in school every day and on time. The chart below highlights the impact that missing school has on pupils' outcomes and ultimately life choices.



MEET THE TEACHER MEETINGS

As the start of a new school year can bring a flurry of information, we have arranged for our 'meet the teacher' meetings to take place this week. These will be for Years 1 to 6. Year R parents will be meeting with their class teachers at the home visits.

We hope that the meetings will give you an opportunity, not only to meet your child's new class teacher, but also ask any questions you may have about the term and year ahead. To provide families a chance to see their child's class and meet their child's class teacher in person, we have arranged for the meetings to take place at the end of the school day, at pick up. There will be members of the senior leadership team on duty on the playground to oversee any children whilst families are in the meetings. We anticipate these sessions will last no more than 15 minutes.

A copy of the presentation will be uploaded onto the class pages following the session.

Meet the teacher meetings will be on:

Wednesday 10th September

- Year 1 - 3:20
- Year 2 - 3:20
- Year 4 - 3:10

Thursday 11th September

- Year 3 - 3:10
- Year 5 - 3:10
- Year 6 - 3:10

SAFEGUARDING AND E-SAFETY

Keeping your children safe from harm is our highest priority. Our school ensures our team are constantly updated and trained on safeguarding matters and how to spot if a child may be at risk of harm. Safeguarding is the **responsibility of everyone** but three people hold very important roles in overseeing safeguarding in our school, Mrs Woollven, Mrs Bryant and Mrs Bush. If you have any concern about a child, please request to see Mrs Woollven or Mrs Bryant urgently. If they are not available, a member of the office team will ensure you are contacted by one of the safeguarding team.

LORRAINE WOOLLVEN
Designated Safeguarding
Lead



NICOLA BRYANT
Deputy Designated
Safeguarding Lead



JACKIE BUSH
Designated School Governor



Our latest policy on safeguarding is being ratified by Governors and will be attached to the next newsletter and will also be available on our school website. If you have any questions concerning pupil safety or safeguarding generally, please contact the school office and they will help direct you to the best person to help.

Also holding key roles in our school are:



Ms Ford is our Special Educational Need and Disabilities Co-ordinator (often referred to as our SENDCo). Ms Ford runs a termly coffee morning to meet with families about any SEND concerns they may have. The first coffee morning will be held on the 24th September, at 8:45am – see poster below for more details.

Mrs Ford is our Learning Mentor.

Mrs Ford has designated time in the week to work with pupils who may need some short-term support - someone to talk to, about a problem they are experiencing or a challenge they are facing in their lives. Mrs Ford is part of our mental health and well-being team. She is trained in mental health first aid.



YEAR 2 T@3 AND CLASS SERVICE

We are excited to invite the parents and carers of Year 3 pupils to their class service and T@3 on Friday 24th October. The service will start at 2:30pm in the school hall. Any donation of cakes from Year 2 families can be brought to the school office on the morning of Friday 24th October or at 2:30pm, ahead of the service.

For families new to us, T@3 may need a little explanation. At Churchill Primary School we have a tradition of having 7 (one per class) T@3 events across the year. Parents and carers of pupils in the class are invited at 2:30pm to their child's class service. This is a super opportunity for the children to showcase some of their learning. This is followed by a lovely community event, run by the parents and carers of that class, where all of the school community are invited to come and buy some cake and enjoy a cup of tea. These are predominately social gatherings that raise much needed funds for the class and school.

We will endeavour to keep these dates but if any changes need to be made, we will let you know as soon as possible.



Future T@3 and class service dates:

Year 2 – 24th October 2025
Year 5 – 14th November 2025
Year 3 – 12th December 2025
Year 6 – 30th January 2026
Year 4 – 6th March 2026
Year 1 – 1st May 2026
Reception class – 12th June 2026

DATA COLLECTION SHEETS

During next week, your child will be bringing home an envelope containing essential data collection sheets. If you have not received your child's sheets by the end of next week, please contact the school office. Please take a few minutes to check these carefully and please ensure that we have the correct contact details.

PLEASE NAME YOUR CHILD'S CLOTHING

We are getting lots of parents searching for lost fleeces and jumpers. With 30 identical jumpers in a class, it is hard to match them to their owners without name labels. Please help us; a lot of time is lost holding up jumpers and trying to find their owners.



VOLUNTEERING IN SCHOOL

If you are interested in volunteering in school, whether that be supporting a school trip or hearing children read, we would like to invite you to our induction meeting. This will take place on Wednesday 8th October at 2:45pm (in time for pick-up), where we will share how you can help and discuss essential safeguarding procedures. If you could let the school office know if you intend to come, we can ensure we have sufficient chairs and handouts.

For volunteers who attended last year's induction, we would love to see you again so that we can keep you up to date with all of the safeguarding processes in school.

NO MOBILE PHONES IN SCHOOL

A polite reminder to everyone that Churchill Primary School is a mobile free zone. This applies both in school and also the playground. If you need to use your mobile phone whilst you are in school, please come to the school office. We appreciate your support in this matter.



WATER ONLY IN DRINKS BOTTLES

As part of our 'healthy schools' initiative, we ask that pupils only bring water in their water bottles. Squash, flavourings or fizzy drinks are not permitted.

YEAR 6 SATs DATES

Please note that Year 6 SATs will be administered in the week commencing 11th May 2026. We ask that families of Year 6 pupils make a note of this date and do best endeavours for full attendance this week.

PHOTO PERMISSION FORM

Attached to this newsletter is a copy of our photograph permission form. This can be used if you would like to amend your permissions for your child. If you wish to make any amendments, simply complete the new form and return to the school office.

REMINDER OF TERM DATES

NORTH SOMERSET SCHOOL TERM DATES **ACADEMIC YEAR 2025-26**

Term 1	Tuesday 2 nd September to Friday 24 th October 2025 <i>Tuesday 2nd September 2025 INSET DAY</i> <i>Wednesday 3rd September 2025 INSET DAY</i>
Term 2	Monday 3 rd November to Friday 19 th December 2025 <i>Monday 3rd November 2025 INSET DAY</i>
Term 3	Monday 5 th January to Friday 13 th February 2026 <i>Friday 16th January 2026 INSET DAY</i> <i>Friday 13th February 2026 Trust Training Day</i>
Term 4	Monday 23 rd February to Thursday 2 nd April 2026
Term 5	Monday 20 th April to Friday 22 nd May 2026
Term 6	Monday 1 st June to Wednesday 22 nd July 2026 <i>Monday 1st June 2025 INSET DAY</i>

Please note that the Lighthouse Schools Partnership (LSP) are holding 6 INSET days across our trust in 2025/26

Public holidays

School will also be closed for the following public holidays:

- Thursday 25 December 2025 - Christmas Day
- Friday 26 December 2025 - Boxing Day
- Thursday 01 January 2026 - New Year's Day
- Friday 03 April 2026 - Good Friday
- Monday 06 April 2026 - Easter Monday
- Monday 04 May 2026 - May Day Holiday
- Monday 25 May 2026 - Spring Bank Holiday
- Monday 31 August 2026 - Summer Bank Holiday



SENDCo

Drop-in Session

Wednesday 24th September
8.45 to 9.15am in the library

Please 'drop-in' to chat with Ms Ford in a more informal capacity, regarding any SEND related matters, concerns or questions.



SENDCo drop-in sessions will take place halfway through each term of the academic year, to provide an opportunity to ask questions that perhaps do not require a more formally arranged meeting.



Are you in years 3, 4, 5 or 6 and enjoy singing?



Why not join KS2 choir?

Wednesdays 3.10-4pm
in the hall

Ask Ms Ford for details!



Churchill School Violin Club

Wednesdays 3.15-3.45pm

17th September to

26th November (10 sessions)

Cost: £25



Run by Helen Page (Y3 Violin Project Leader)

Violins provided by Churchill Music

Open to any who have taken part in school violin group lessons or are currently learning violin/viola and would like to play more. (Maximum 10 places)

To sign up, please email Helen.Page@wema.org.uk

If your child receives free school meals and/or is in receipt of pupil premium, (or there are other hardship reasons) please let us know as financial support can be offered to meet the cost of attending the club

COMMUNITY INFORMATION

We receive a lot of posters for local events which we upload to the school website. Included is auditions for Winscombe Youth Theatre's auditions, Planet Pretend, Rainbows, Brownies, Guides, Beavers, Cubs and Scouts, Churchill events to name but a few.

- Lifeskills
- Wells Cathedral – holiday activities
- Create Sunday
- Churchill & Baby Toddler Group
- We're In! providing spaces with respect, dignity and warmth.
- School Health Nursing Team – various webinars available for parents and carers covering dental health, sleep and emotional wellbeing. [School Health Nursing - CCHP | Community Children's Health Partnership](#)



FREE NHS app HELPS PARENTS CARE FOR THEIR POORLY CHILD

As winter sets in and common childhood illnesses become more frequent, parents are being encouraged to use a free NHS app to help them decide how best to care for their child.

The HANDi app, which has been developed by a team of specialist children's doctors, is quick and easy to use and gives parents and carers expert advice on a range of 4 childhood illnesses. These include diarrhoea and vomiting, high temperature, tummy pain, chestiness, head injuries and common problems experienced by newborn babies.

The app takes parents through a series of questions about their child's symptoms and then advises on the best course of action, whether that's to treat at home, to make a GP appointment, call NHS 111 or call 999. The HANDi App is available to download for Apple phones from the app store or iTunes and for Android phones at Google Play. Alternatively, please use the following QR code:



SIRONA CARE & HEALTH

The scan code below will take you Sirona Care & Health and lists services for parents with children at different ages. Universal services include services and information available to everyone and specialist services show which provide further support for children and young people.



JOIN WLHC JUNIOR HOCKEY

Winscombe Ladies Hockey Club is welcoming new players for the 2025/26 season

- Mondays at 6:00pm - 7:00pm
- Girls & Boys Years 5 - 8
- All abilities welcome

 Sidcot Pitch

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SIMPLY STREET DANCE SCHOOL

Term 1



If your child loves to dance and wants to learn some new dance moves

Then sign them up to our dance club in your school

Thursdays the 12/09/24 – 24/10/24

3.20pm – 4.20pm

£35.00per child per term

For year 1 to year 6

3.20pm – 4.20pm

This is a 7 week term (Non-refundable on absent students)

Please inform your child's class teacher they will be attending dance club

To book your child a place please follow link below and select

Churchill school dance club

[Bookwhen.com/simplystreetdanceschool](https://bookwhen.com/simplystreetdanceschool)

enquiries-simplystreet@live.co.uk 07540489414

Due to safeguarding parents are not permitted access to

BE A CHORISTER FOR A DAY at Wells Cathedral



SATURDAY 21 SEPTEMBER 2024

Wells Cathedral invites boys and girls between the ages of six and nine to come and meet the Choristers, find out about Chorister life, and sing at Cathedral Evensong



<https://wells.cathedral.school>

For more details, and to book your place, please contact: musicoffice@wellscathedral.org.uk



www.wellscathedral.org.uk



www.somersetsoccerschools.com

Churchill Primary REC TO YEAR 6

End of school to 4.45 pm each Thursday

NEW 2024-5 COURSE STARTING Thursday 12 September

Richard Bourton and Somerset Soccer Schools are now taking enrolments on their new afterschool soccer course.

This is open to boys and girls in Years Rec to 6 inclusive and runs from end of school to 4.45 pm each Thursday. Following the advancement of players into our eldest group, WE ARE ESPECIALLY KEEN TO ENROL NEW KS1 PLAYERS [Years R, 1 and 2], but welcome all ages.

Run by a schoolteacher and coach of more than 35 years' experience, the courses are fun and structured. Each eligible player receives a Skills Award trophy upon successful course completion at the end of Term 6!

Fees are paid termly and children get 90 minutes tuition, coaching and trophies, for the approximate cost of only £6 per week!

For referrals, philosophy, more general information, info about Holiday Camps at KOW Cheddar + Churchill, contacts and to book your place, please go directly to

www.somersetsoccerschools.com/after-school

www.facebook.com/SomersetSoccerSchoolswithRichardBourton

FOOD FESTIVAL

WELCOME BACK

19th September

Churchill Primary
Mighty Morning Munch
(sausage, egg, hash brown
and beans)

or

Churchill Primary
Veggie Morning Munch

and

Classic School
Sprinkle Cake
& Custard

LIBRARY NEWS

YATTON LIBRARY
SEPTEMBER 2024

BACK TO SCHOOL

All the staff here at Yatton library wish the pupils a good new school year. Remember if you need help with projects, come in and see what books we have.

Julie, Rosie, Ali, Karen and Vicki

THANKYOU

Thank you to all the students that took part in our Summer Reading Challenge, the craft activities and the theatre event at the library. Don't forget to tell your teacher if you received a certificate.



CLUBS FOR CHILDREN

-  Drawing Club - Tuesday 3:15 - 4:30pm 
-  Lego Club - Saturday 10am - 12noon 

STORYTIME & RHYMETIME

Pre-school children are welcome to come along with an adult and join in the fun!

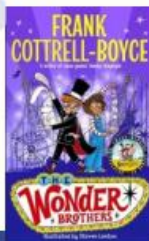
Rhymetime - 2 sessions
Mondays 9:30am & 10:15am

Storytime - Thursdays 2:30pm

BOOK OF THE MONTH

THE WONDER BROTHERS

Blackpool tower has vanished - can the magical cousins conjure it back home?



CYCLE LESSONS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE WITH ADDITIONAL NEEDS

WE HAVE AVAILABILITY ON
SATURDAYS FOR FREE 1:1
CYCLE LESSONS, USING OUR
FANTASTIC RANGE OF BIKES,
TRIKES AND ADAPTIVE BIKES.
THESE 30 MINUTE
SESSIONS ARE A GREAT WAY
TO INTRODUCE CYCLE SKILLS
AND DEVELOP FURTHER
CONFIDENCE.





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20 YEARS at Churchill Primary!!!!

3.25 to 4.50 pm each Thursday REC TO YEAR 6
NEW 2025-6 COURSE STARTING Thursday 18 September

To celebrate 20 years of Afterschool Soccer courses at the school, Richard Bourton and Somerset Soccer Schools are now taking new enrolments and have frozen prices.

Following the advancement of players through the groups, WE ARE ESPECIALLY KEEN TO ENROL NEW KS1 PLAYERS [Years R, 1 and 2], but welcome all ages.

Run by a schoolteacher and coach of 35+ years' experience, the courses are structured and fun. Each eligible player receives a Skills Award trophy upon course completion at the end of Terms 3 & 6!

Fees are paid termly and children get around 90 minutes tuition, coaching and trophies, for around £6 per week!

For referrals please PTO. For philosophy, more general information, info about Holiday Camps, contacts and to book your place, please go directly to

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Hope to see you soon. *Richard*

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